

IN THE CLAIMS

(1) Please cancel Claims 4-5, 7-11, 14-15, 17, 21, 23, 28-34, 36-37, 40-42, 44-45, 48-57, and 62-68.

(2) Please rewrite Claim 1 as follows:

1 1. (Amended) A telephone call and voice processing system comprising:  
2 switching circuitry for receiving a call, wherein the switching circuitry connects the call  
3 to a telecommunications device coupled to the system; and  
4 voice processing circuitry for automatically interacting with the call, wherein the  
5 switching circuitry and the voice processing circuitry are controlled by not more than one  
6 microprocessor.

(3) Please rewrite Claim 2 as follows:

1 2. (Amended) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the voice processing circuitry  
2 further comprises a signal processing circuitry coupled to the one microprocessor.

(4) Please rewrite Claim 3 as follows:

1 3. (Amended) A telephone call and voice processing system comprising:  
2 switching circuitry for receiving a call, wherein the switching circuitry connects the call  
3 to a telecommunications device coupled to the system; and  
4 voice processing circuitry for automatically interacting with the call, wherein the  
5 switching circuitry and the voice processing circuitry are controlled by a single processing  
6 means, wherein the voice processing circuitry further comprises a signal processing circuitry  
7 coupled to the single processing means, wherein the switching circuitry further comprises a  
8 digital cross-point matrix coupled to the single processing means and to the signal processing  
9 circuitry.

(5) Please rewrite Claim 6 as follows:

1 6. (Amended) A telephone call and voice processing system comprising:  
2 switching circuitry for receiving a call, wherein the switching circuitry connects the call  
3 to a telecommunications device coupled to the system; and  
4 voice processing circuitry for automatically interacting with the call, wherein the  
5 switching circuitry and the voice processing circuitry are controlled by a single processing  
6 means, wherein the single processing means is controlled by a single set of software operable for  
7 controlling both the switching circuitry and the voice processing circuitry.

(6) Please rewrite Claim 12 as follows:

1 12. (Amended) A telephone call and voice processing system comprising:  
2 switching circuitry for receiving a call, wherein the switching circuitry connects the call  
3 to a telecommunications device coupled to the system; and  
4 voice processing circuitry for automatically interacting with the call, wherein the  
5 switching circuitry and the voice processing circuitry are controlled by a single processing  
6 means, wherein the voice processing circuitry further comprises a signal processing circuitry  
7 coupled to the single processing means, wherein the signal processing circuitry further includes:  
8 a DTMF receiver operable for recognizing DTMF tones from the call.

(7) Please rewrite Claim 13 as follows:

1 13. (Amended) A telephone call and voice processing system comprising:  
2 switching circuitry for receiving a call, wherein the switching circuitry connects the call  
3 to a telecommunications device coupled to the system; and  
4 voice processing circuitry for automatically interacting with the call, wherein the  
5 switching circuitry and the voice processing circuitry are controlled by a single processing  
6 means, wherein the voice processing circuitry further comprises a signal processing circuitry  
7 coupled to the single processing means, wherein the signal processing circuitry further includes:

8 a recording buffer operable for recording the call.

(8) Please rewrite Claim 16 as follows:

1 16. (Amended) A telephone call and voice processing system comprising:  
2 switching circuitry for receiving a call, wherein the switching circuitry connects the call  
3 to a telecommunications device coupled to the system; and  
4 voice processing circuitry for automatically interacting with the call, wherein the  
5 switching circuitry and the voice processing circuitry are controlled by a single processing  
6 means, wherein the voice processing circuitry further comprises a signal processing circuitry  
7 coupled to the single processing means, wherein the signal processing circuitry further includes:  
8 a call processing tone generator operable for generating and transmitting to the call  
9 standard call processing tones.

(9) Please rewrite Claim 18 as follows:

1 18. (Amended) The system as recited in claim 1, further comprising circuitry operable  
2 for recording all or a portion of the call after the telecommunications device is connected to the  
3 call.

(10) Please rewrite Claim 27 as follows:

1 27. (Amended) A telephone call and voice processing system comprising:  
2 switching circuitry for receiving a call, wherein the switching circuitry connects the call  
3 to a telecommunications device coupled to the system;  
4 voice processing circuitry for automatically interacting with the call, wherein the  
5 switching circuitry and the voice processing circuitry are controlled by a single processing  
6 means;  
7 circuitry for listening to a voice signal at a telephone extension coupled to the system;  
8 circuitry for activating a recording sequence to record the voice signal; and

9           circuitry for storing the recorded voice signal in a digital memory, wherein the activating  
10 circuitry is tactically initiated by a user of the telephone extension, wherein the voice signal  
11 originated from a voice mail message stored in the system.

(11) Please rewrite Claim 58 as follows:

1           58. (Amended) In a telephone call and voice processing system comprising switching  
2 circuitry for receiving a call, wherein the switching circuitry connects the call to a  
3 telecommunications device coupled to the system, and voice processing circuitry for  
4 automatically interacting with the call, wherein the switching circuitry and the voice processing  
5 circuitry are controlled by a single processing means, a method comprising the steps of:  
6           listening to a voice signal at a telephone extension coupled to the system;  
7           activating a recording sequence to record the voice signal; and  
8           storing the recorded voice signal in a memory.

(12) Please add new Claim 69 as follows:

1           69. A telephone call and voice processing system comprising:  
2           switching circuitry for receiving a call, wherein the switching circuitry connects the call  
3 to one of a plurality of telecommunications devices coupled to the system; and  
4           voice processing circuitry for automatically interacting with the call, wherein the  
5 switching circuitry and the voice processing circuitry are controlled by a single microprocessor.

(13) Please add new Claim 70 as follows:

1           70. A telephone call and voice processing system comprising:  
2           switching circuitry for receiving a call, wherein the switching circuitry connects the call  
3 to one of a plurality of telecommunications devices coupled to the system; and  
4           voice processing circuitry for automatically interacting with the call, wherein the  
5 switching circuitry further comprises a digital cross-point matrix.

(14) Please add new Claim 71 as follows:

1        71.    A telephone call and voice processing system comprising:  
2        switching circuitry for receiving a call, wherein the switching circuitry connects the call  
3        to a telecommunications device coupled to the system;  
4        voice processing circuitry for automatically interacting with the call, wherein the  
5        switching circuitry and the voice processing circuitry are controlled by a single processing  
6        means;  
7        circuitry for listening to a voice signal at a telephone extension coupled to the system;  
8        circuitry for activating a recording sequence to record the voice signal; and  
9        circuitry for storing the recorded voice signal in a digital memory.

(15) Please add new Claim 72 as follows:

1        72.    A telephone call and voice processing system comprising:  
2        switching circuitry for receiving a call, wherein the switching circuitry connects the call  
3        to a telecommunications device coupled to the system;  
4        voice processing circuitry for automatically interacting with the call, wherein the  
5        switching circuitry and the voice processing circuitry are controlled by a single processing  
6        means; and  
7        circuitry for permitting a user of a telephone coupled to the system to monitor a voice  
8        mail message while the message is being recorded into the user's mailbox.

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